# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.	)
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RESOURCES FOR THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA,	)
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Plaintiff,	)
vs.	) 05-CV-0329 GKF-PJC
TYSON FOODS, INC., TYSON POULTRY, INC.,	)
TYSON CHICKEN, INC., COBB-VANTRESS, INC.,	)
AVIAGEN, INC., CAL-MAINE FOODS, INC.,	)
CAL-MAINE FARMS, INC., CARGILL, INC.,	)
CARGILL TURKEY PRODUCTION, LLC,	)
GEORGE'S, INC., GEORGE'S FARMS, INC.,	)
PETERSON FARMS, INC., SIMMONS FOODS, INC.,	)
and WILLOW BROOK FOODS, INC.,	)
	)
Defendants.	)

#### OBJECTIONS TO DESIGNATED DEPOSITION TESTIMONY BY STATE OF OKLAHOMA AND DEFENDANTS

Come now, the State of Oklahoma and Tyson Foods, Inc., Tyson Poultry, Inc., Tyson Chicken, Inc., Cobb-Vantress, Inc., Cal-Maine Foods, Inc., Cal-Maine Farms, Inc., Cargill, Inc., Cargill Turkey Production, LLC, George's Inc., George's Farms, Inc. Peterson Farms, Inc., and Simmons Foods, Inc. (hereinafter "Defendants"), and submit the remaining objections to the designated testimony of certain deponents identified more specifically below. In support of this submission, the Parties state the following:

1. The Parties, after having made their designations and counter-designations of deposition testimony to be submitted at trial, provided to each other their objections to those designations and counter-designations. Since July 23, 2009, the Parties have met and conferred

in good faith to attempt to resolve to the extent possible their objections without the assistance of the Court as required by LCvR 30.1. Notwithstanding this attempt, certain objections remain.

- 2. Contemporaneously with the filing of this document, the Parties submitted to the Court Clerk of the Northern District the deposition transcripts of fifty-two (52) deponents which contain both the designations/counter-designations of the State and the Defendants. The designations/counter-designations of the Defendants within the transcripts are denoted by orange highlighting. While the designations/counter-designations within the transcript of the State are denoted by yellow highlighting. The objections that have not been resolved are annotated in the margins of the transcripts as required by LCvR 30.1.
- 3. Due to the lack of space available for annotations, the Parties have listed only the objections to the testimony. Neither this pleading nor the actual deposition transcripts submitted to the Court Clerk contain the non-moving Party's responses to the objections identified therein. Thus, the Parties reserve the right to respond to the remaining objections at a time the Court deems appropriate. The Parties respectfully request that the Court set a hearing to deal with these objections or refer the matter to the Magistrate Judge for ruling.
- 4. The testimony of several of the deponents that were originally designated by both sides is subject in whole or in significant part to motions *in limine* which have been filed by both sides. The Parties have agreed that the resolution of those motions will resolve all or most of the objections asserted by the parties to the designated testimony, and may further result in the withdraw of certain designated testimony. Rather than burden then Court with voluminous

In order to manage this process, the Parties split the responsibility of incorporating the changes to the designations/counter-designations and objections discussed as a part of the meet and confer process. In order to comply with the deadline for their Objections to the Court within such a limited time given the volume of designated testimony, the Parties have not had the opportunity to review and verify the accuracy of the other Party's submissions. Thus, the Parties respectfully reserve the right to correct any errors that may exist within those submissions after the filing date of the Parties' Objections.

objections and additional transcripts, the Parties believe it to be in the best interest of judicial economy to wait to present any remaining objections to the designated testimony of these deponents until after the resolution of the motions *in limine* by the Court. Those deponents include: (1) Indraject Chaubey; (2) Kerry Kinyon; (3) Dan Henderson; (4) Ron Mullican; (5) Alan Ford; (6) Claud Rutherford; and (7) Preston Keller.

#### Respectfully submitted,

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